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Amendment B under Rule 116

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct minor clerical errors and to employ more idiomatic English. Claims 1-14 have been amended to clarify the invention. No new matter has been entered.

Turning to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12 and 14 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Okada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,261 B1), the Examiner's rejection is in error. As noted by the Examiner in page 2, cipher 3, "Okada discloses a liquid crystal display device 200" However, amended claims 1 and 8 specify that the display panel includes a plasma display unit. Thus, Okada et al. cannot anticipate independent claims 1 and 8, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Turning to the rejection of claims 4, 6, 11 and 13 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Okada et al. in further view of Hiramoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,847,783), Hiramoto et al. also is an LCD. Thus, no combination of Okada et al. and Hiramoto et al. could achieve or render obvious claims 1 and 8, and the several claims dependent thereon. Thus, claims 4, 6, 11 and 13 are patentable for the reasons adduced above, as well as for their own limitations.

The foregoing Amendment makes no claim changes as would require further search by the Examiner. Thus, entry of the foregoing Amendment and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

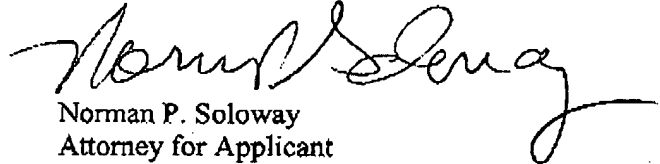
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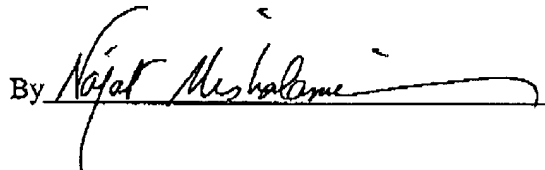
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